

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

Judson Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT WALNUT GROVE,

Henry County, Ala.

On the Second and Fourth Days of October, 1875.

OFFICERS:

ELDER L. R. SIMS, Moderator,
ELDER D. ROGERS, Clerk,
BRO. JOHN T. DAVIS, Treasurer.



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MEMORIAL

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STATE OF

NEW YORK

IN THE

YEAR 1850

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MINUTES

The Judson Association convened in its Twenty-fifth Session with Walnut Grove Church, Oct 2nd, 1875.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. M. Knowles, from Heb. 10; 14: "For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."

Singing, and prayer by brother L. R. Sims.

At 2 o'clock the body was called to order by the former Moderator. Prayer by brother T. E. Langley.

Letters from the churches were read by brethren Langley and Bunker, and the following delegates names enrolled:

Abbeville—A. L. Martin and W. Nobles.

Adaniram—P. D. Sanders and R. H. Hall.

Beulah—Geo. W. Harris and J. C. Skipper.

Bluff Springs—John Walters.

Bethel—Brothers J. T. Smith and L. Wise.

Bethlehem—D. Lock and C. White.

Camp Springs—L. N. Palmer and Augustus Anderson.

Columbia—Wiley Williams, L. G. Clark and I. L. Wilson.

Concord—Z. Knowles.

Ebenezer—John Buil.

Fellowship—Angus Harp and Wm. A. Cumbie.

Gordon—W. B. Howard.

Harmony—Not represented.

Hebron—E. M. Knowles and A. J. Armstrong.

Judson—J. W. Malone, W. C. Guisendina and G. F. Flemings.

Liberty—Josiah Mitchel, G. W. Chandler

Mt. Pleasant—B. Robert, M. Espy and John E. Ray.

Mt. Pleasant—Dr. W. F. Roberson and A. Daughety.

New Hope—A. Starling and B. Melton.

Oaky Grove—John Roney and L. Box.

Pleasant Plains—R. C. Kirkland and A. F. Stanton.

Pleasant Hill—Letter, no delegates.

Pilgrim's Rest—D. Rogers, B. H. Banks, D. Williams.

Pleasant Grove—M. V. Capps and W. A. M. McLendon.

Sardis—John D. Davis and Robert Souel.

Smyrna—W. F. Jordan, J. F. Holman and B. A. Forrister.

Shorterville—L. R. Sims, A. B. Fowler and W. F. Mills.

Tolbert—M. P. Shelley and Floid Hodges.

Walnut Grove—W. A. Whidden and A. J. Barber.

The body elected her officers. L. R. Sims was chosen Moderator, and D. Rogers, Clerk.

The Moderator then announced the body organized and ready for business.

Brother B. H. Banks, was requested to preach at the stand at that hour.

1. Called for petitionary letters, and received Christian Grove Church; the Moderator extended the right hand of welcome to her delegates, viz: Ruben Davis and Preston Doargo.

2. The Moderator appointed the following

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

Wiley Williams, L. G. Clark, E. M. Knowles, A. W. Whidden, A. J. Barber.

3. Called for Correspondence, and received from the
West Florida —Elder T. E. Langley.

Newton Association—Elder L. Hargrove.

The Bethel Georgia—Brother C. B. Holmes.

4. Returned Correspondence to the

West Florida Association—L. R. Sims, J. C. Skipper, D. Williams, B. H. Banks, E. M. Knowles, W. M. Bruner, and J. C. Whitiker.

Newton Association—W. A. Cumbie, L. J. Knowles and M. Brackin.

Eufaula Association—J. Tylar.

5. The Committee on preaching report, brother L. Hargrove to preach to-night, brother T. E. Langley at the stand at 11 o'clock Sabdath, and brother A. L. Martin in the house at the same hour. Brother Z. Knowles to preach at 2 o'clock

Sabbath. Brother Hargrove asked to be excused from preaching, and brother J. C. Skipper was appointed in his place.

6. On motion it was decided that the body meet at 9½ o'clock, Sabbath morning and spend 1½ hours in prayer for the reviving grace of God in our bounds.

7. The Moderator was allowed until Sabbath morning to announce Committees.

On motion adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Bro. Z. Knowles.

SABBATH.

At 9½ o'clock the congregation met at the stand and spent one hour in singing and prayer. The services were conducted by Bro. Sims, who delivered a very appropriate lecture on the nature of pure revival.

At 11 o'clock brother Langley preached a good and interesting sermon.

The services were closed by brother Sims, and a collection taken up amounting to \$16 35.

The following Committees were appointed, and announced from the stand:

Finance—F. M. Bunker, W. B. Howard and W. F. Jordan.

Deceased Ministers—J. T. Davis, J. C. Skipper and B. A. Forrester.

Nominations—A. J. Armstrong, W. C. Gisandanner and D. Williams.

Documents—A. F. Stanton, P. D. Sanders and J. H. Davis.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Missions—A. L. Martin, E. M. Knowles and Z. Knowles.

On Sabbath-schools—W. A. Cumbie, M. V. Capps and W. A. McLendon.

At 2 o'clock brother Z. Knowles, preached from 1 John 3: 1.

At 7 o'clock preaching by brother W. A. Cumbie.

Monday morning 9 o'clock, Elder L. R. Sims, in the Chair.

Prayer by brother A. L. Martin.

1. Read and adopted minutes of Saturday and Sabbath.

2. Read and adopted the following :

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Dear brethren there are a few churches in our Association which feel a great interest in Sabbath-schools. There is a very interesting Sabbath-school at Columbia, superintended by brother John T. Davis. One at Hebron, superintended by brother Wm. H. Granberry. One at Shorterville, B. A. Fowler, superintendent. One at Judson, J. W. Malone, superintendent, and one at Sardis.

While these few churches are taking some interest in Sabbath-schools, there are many that sleep over the moral education of the children of this Association. While every other denomination are spreading their sectarian doctrine and so educating the world as much as they can, we who hold the true doctrine of the Bible, are asleep to the great truths God has committed to our keeping. Wake up brethren to your duties, and begin to teach the world the truths of the Bible. Begin around your fire-side—in the streets—on the highways and in your churches. Meet every Sabbath morning, old and young, male and female, there to teach and be taught. There teach from the Bible, its doctrines, that the truth may be planted in the minds of the young, that it may grow up with them. By this we drive out heresy and have a sound church. Sound members, and our children grow up sound in the faith of the Bible, which is the faith of the Baptist Church. All of which is submitted,

Committee. { E. M. KNOWLES,
A. L. MARTIN,
Z. KNOWLES.

3. Report on Nominations was called for, read, and on motion laid on the table.

4. Read and adopted the following :

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

The Committee on Documents make the following report :

On examination of the documents coming up through the delegates from the churches, while we regret the state of Zion at the present time, yet we do earnestly believe that God who works all things after the councils of his will, is only using this as a means for the purpose of punishing his children, and as a trial of their faith. We find that the letter from the Pleasant Grove Church contains a petition, asking your body to hold its next session with that church. Your Committee recommend that the body meet with that church, Oct., 1876.

Dear brethren we believe that every brother composing this Association, ought to take some religious organ.

We recommend "The Baptist" published by brother Graves, as the organ of this body, also the Baptist Psalmist as a good work and recommend our Brethren to purchase and use that work.

Committee. { A. F. STANTON,
J. H. DAVIS,
P. D. SANDERS.

5. Moved and carried that the next Session of this Association be held with Pleasant Grove Church.

6. Bro. J. T. Davis, read, and the body adopted the following

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We the Committee appointed at the last meeting of your body to compile a report on Missions to be read at the present term, find our work rather a difficult one, from the fact, that the Association seems to be engaged in no direct mission labors, either at home or abroad.

It is true, your body at its last session resolved to set on foot a plan of evangelical work within the limits of the Association, and by subsequent action empowered the Executive Committee to put the plan in execution by employing one or more evangelists to visit the various churches and instruct them in the great principles of those doctrines which we advocate.

While we acknowledge this movement as both an opportune and worthy one, yet we cannot feel that we are discharging our whole duty as Missionary Baptists, so long as we stand aloof and withhold our support both from Home and Foreign Missions, or we might more appropriately say, so long as we fail directly to support by labor and means both Home and Foreign Missions. If we persist in our present course as an Association, it cannot be long before we must merit just cause of censure from our brethren in other fields. Our minutes show that we have no destitution in our own bounds where we might employ the labor of a missionary. But we must know there are many other fields both in this and foreign lands that are already white for the harvests. While we may continue in our evangelical work with a hope of the best results therefrom. Yet if we lose sight of missionary work when taken in its true sense, there is great danger in our becoming careless and lukewarm in the great cause of our Master. In conclusion, we would suggest and recommend that your body by motion or otherwise making a strong appeal to the several churches, through their respective delegates here assembled, to send up a special contribution for missions, at the next annual meeting of the Association, to be disposed of and applied as the wisdom of the body may determine. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee { JOHN T. DAVIS,
F. M. BUNKER.

Pending the adoption of the above report, the body was addressed on the subject of missions, by bretheren Sims, Martin, Malone, and Davis.

7. Adopted the following:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers ask to submit the following report:

We are called on to lament the death of brother P. Belcher, an ordained and aged minister of our Association. While it saddens our hearts to reflect on the

vacancy which his death has caused in our midst, yet it impresses us with the solemn though precious truth, that God will sooner or later call his elect home. We are also called on to report the death of brother W. B. Hopkins, a licentiate. Brother Hopkins was devoted to the cause of his Redeemer. Although we mourn his loss, yet we enjoy the strongest hopes that he has gone to the reward of the righteous. Respectfully submitted,

Committee. { J. T. DAVIS,
J. C. SKIPPER,
B. A. FORRESTER.

[The date of brother Belcher, his baptism, ordination and death not being furnished the Clerk, is the reason of the omission.]

8. Read and adopted the following :

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At the last session of your body a motion prevailed to procure the service of an Evangelist to canvass the entire field of the Judson Association, and preach and endoctrinate the several churches in the great and important truths which we advocate as the true church of Christ on earth. By subsequent motion of your body the whole matter of putting this evangelical plan into execution, by procuring the service of an evangelist, was referred to the Executive Committee. In order to discharge our duty promptly, and thereby carry out the intention of the Association, your Committee held a regular session with Judson Church on Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in November of last year, and after a free and full discussion of the matter before us, adopted the following plan, believing it would give the most general satisfaction and result in the greatest good, viz :

To procure the service of brother L. R. Sims, to labor in the 1st and 2nd districts, and brother E. M. Knowles, in the 3rd district. Brother Sims, was to devote one-fourth of his time (embracing one Sabbath in each month) to this work, and receive for his services two hundred dollars.

Brother E. M. Knowles, was to devote one-fourth of his time to this work, and received for his services one hundred dollars.

The Association will at once see that the Committee had not the means at their control to employ the services of an Evangelist for the whole time which would have been the better plan.

Brother Sims reports to us that he has not been able to devote as much time and labor to the Evangelical work as we had a right to expect of him under the contract. But it gives us much pleasure to say that he reports most of the churches growing in strength as to the prominent doctrine embraced in our articles of faith, and that our ministers are becoming more impressed with their duty to preach the whole truth as it is in Christ Jesus, and to boldly teach and defend the doctrine of our church. Brother Sims further reports having preached 40 sermons and traveled 502 miles while engaged in this work, and feels confident that good results will follow his labors.

Brother Knowles reports in a similar manner as brother Sims, in regard to

the time and labor devoted to the work assigned him, and we regret to learn that he is not so sanguine as to any spiritual growth in the membership of the churches. Brother Knowles further reports having preached 28 sermons in the 3rd District while laboring as an Evangelist.

Your Committee is firmly impressed with the fact, that if the above named brethren could have faithfully carried out the letter and spirit of the contract as made with them, that the best of results would have followed therefrom.

In view of a partial failure, both on the part of brother Sims and brother Knowles, to carry out their contract, we recommend that the original contract be cancelled, and in lieu thereof, that the Treasurer be instructed to pay brother Sims, the sum of one hundred and thirty-five dollars, inclusive of the amount already received by him under the original contract. And that Treasurer be instructed to pay brother Knowles the sum of fifty two dollars and fifty cents inclusive of the amount already received by him under the said contract. The Treasurer's report will show and explain the amounts mentioned above as having been received by the respected brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee. { JOHN T. DAVIS,
J. W. MALONE,
A. B. FOWLER.

9. Read and adopted the following:

CIRCULAR LETTER.

SUBJECT CHRISTIAN HUMILITY—"And be clothed with humility," 1st Peter, 5: 5.

The Apostle has placed this exhortation in the midst of several others, as their immediate and primary source. In fact none of the christian duties can be performed properly without it. Humility does not consist in mere words, or in speaking degradingly of ourselves, but in thinking soberly of ourselves as we ought to think. The greatest and best of men think and speak of themselves with the deepest abasement, saying with the Centurian, "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof," and with Paul, "unto me who am less than the least of all Saints." If humility be considered in reference to the objects with which it is conversant, we shall see its nature and effects. Humility as it relates to God is that state of mind by which we may lie low before him. It is right that every being should occupy his proper place. The proper place for us as mortals is in the dust. In all our dealings with God for salvation, it becomes us to seek it as utterly unworthy; and as the gift of grace. To come as guilty without a plea to offer on our behalf, except what arises from the blood of the cross.

Christian humility may be seen in its effects with regard to men. Pride disposes persons to think themselves of great consequence among men, and that the upper seat becomes them. Too much of this spirit appeared in the disciples of our Lord in the early part of their profession. "And there were strifes among them, who should be greatest in the Kingdom." But humility will render us meek and lowly in heart, and dispose us to think more highly of others than ourselves. Humility may be considered as to the circumstances in which we are placed. If rich in the world, humility will make us feel for the poor,

and destitute. If we are poor and low in the world, humility will make us content with our station in life. Humility is that state of mind which causes every one to know his proper place, whether master or servant, parents, or children. Humility is the greatest ornament of a christian character. To be clothed with humility, is to be beautified with salvation. Humility is a grace which all admire, both religious and profane, and was one of the principal excellencies in the character of our blessed Lord. Humility is most friendly to a growth in grace, and advancement in true holiness. "He resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble." Humility, makes room for other grace to grow and thrive. Humility, empties us of self, that we may be filled with the fulness of God. Humility is favorable to communion with God. "The Lord is nigh them that are of a broken heart, and dwells with such as are of a contrite spirit." Pride on the contrary, can have no fellowship with him. Humility engages him on our side; while the self-sufficient are left to their own weakness.

Dear brethren, let these considerations reconcile us to all the ills of this life. Ever looking unto Jesus as our sufficient strength in time of trouble. Yea all of you be subject one to another, *and be clothed with humility.*

The above written and read by brother Wm. A. Cumbie.

11. On motion the report on Nominations, was taken up and a motion to *amend*, by making the Executive a standing Committee, was concurred in.

The report as amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

We your Committee on Nominations, ask to make the following report:

W. A. Cumbie, to preach the Introductory Sermon at your next session.
A. L. Martin, Alternate. And L. J. Knowles, to write the circular letter.

All of which is respectfully submitted, A. J. ARMSTRONG, Ch'n

12. The body held an election for Executive Committee, and Treasurer, and the following were elected:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Jno. T. Davis, B. A. Forrester, T. T. Smith, A. B. Fowler, A. J. Armstrong.

TREASURER.—Jno. T. Davis.

13. Read and adopted the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. L. WILLIAMS, Treasurer in acct. with the Judson Baptist Association.

1874.	Dr
October 3rd to balance on hand.....	\$ 1 65
" 7 to amount received from Finance Committee.....	143 90
" " " " " " F. M. Bunker.....	25 00
To amount received from Ebenezer Church.....	80
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	\$171 35

1874.	Cr.
October 3rd, by amount paid P. Belcher.....	\$ 17 00
“ “ “ “ “ Clerk.....	30 00
By amount paid for minutes.....	35 00
By amount paid L. R. Sims.....	50 00
By amount paid E. M. Knowles.....	29 50
By amount on hand.....	9 85
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	\$171 35
October 3, 1875, to balance on hand.....	\$9 85

Respectfully submitted,

J L. WILLIAMS, Treas.

14. On motion the former Treasurer was requested to turn over to the Treasurer elected, the money and papers in his hands belonging to the Association.

15. The following preamble and resolution, was read, by brother J. W. Malone:

WHEREAS, We have formerly had Ministers of the gospel, within the bounds of this Association, who when too old and infirm to do active service in the ministry have suffered more or less for the necessities of life, and in as much as we believe it to be the duty of christian churches to provide an Indigent Ministers Fund, to meet the wants of such ministers as they may arise. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we the members of the Judson Baptist Association, now in session, will contribute annually, as the Lord shall prosper us, for this purpose, a fund to be sent up to each session of this Association, and that we earnestly request the churches we represent to do the same.

16. A motion to appoint a special Committee, to report on the above was concurred in, and the following were appointed a

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

J. T. Davis, M. V. Capps and J. W. Malone.

17. *Resolved*, To have the minutes printed by the Southern Baptist Publication Society, Memphis, Tenn.

18. The report of special Committee was called for, read, and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

We your Committee report the following plan by which to carry out the spirit of the preamble and resolutions entrusted to them. That each and every church within our Association shall esteem it as a duty to raise a special fund each and every year, which fund shall be expressed in their letter and set aside in the Treasury of the Association, to be held for the support and sustenance of infirm and aged ministers of our body. And that the Treasurer be required to make an annual report of this fund, separate and apart from the general

funds. And the Treasurer shall in no instance disburse this fund except by motion concurred in by this body at a regular session. This fund shall be recognized and known, and so expressed in church letters—*Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.* Respectfully submitted,

Com. { J. T. DAVIS,
M. V. CAPPS,
J. W. MALONE.

19. Adopted the following.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We the Finance Committee beg leave to make the following report to wit:

For Missions.....	\$ 1 00
Amount sent up for minutes.....	46 45
“ “ “ “ Associational purposes.....	4 00
Amount of Sabbath collection.....	16 35
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	\$67 80

PLEDGES.

Abbeville.....	\$15 00	W. Nobles.....	\$ 5 00
Adaniram	5 00	W. A. Cumbie.....	5 00
Bethel.....	3 00	J. W. Malone.....	10 00
Judson.....	10 00	Wm. Whidden.....	2 00
Pilgrims Rest.....	1 20	D. Williams.....	5 00
Shorterville.....	10 00	T. T. Smith.....	5 00
Walnut Grove.....	5 00	A. W. Whidden.....	5 00
A. L. Martin.....	15 00	Pleasant Grove.....	10 00
M. V. Capps.....	5 00	Mrs. L. J. Reynolds..	5 00
J. T. Davis.....	10 00	F. M. Bunker.....	7 00
W. C. Gissendanner.....	10 00	Mrs. E. M. Williams.....	5 00
L. R. Sims.....	5 00	Recvd. on pledge paid L. R. S..	20 00
Total received on pledges.....			<hr/>
			\$178 20
			67 80
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			\$246 00

Re-pec'fully submitted,

Com. { F. M. BUNKER, Ch'n.
W. B. HOWARD,
W. F. JORDAN.

20. The time of the meeting of the Association was changed to Friday before the first Sabbath in October.

21. *Resolved* That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of Walnut Grove, and vicinity, for their hospitality towards us during this session of the Association.

22. Moved and concurred in that all the money sent up for minutes, be used for that purpose, and the Clerk be paid \$20 for his services.

23. Brother Martin moved that the subject of Domestic Missions be taken up, and pledges be called for, and the following pledges were made.

PLEDGES.

Abbeville.....	\$ 15 00	Bluff Springs.....	\$ 1 00
Fellowship.....	5 00	New Hope.....	1 00
Camp Springs.....	2 00	Sirdis.....	5 00
Pleasant Grove.....	5 00	Shorterville.....	10 00
A. W. Whidden.....	5 00	Jno. T. Davis.....	5 00
A. B. Fowler.....	2 50	L. R. Sims.....	5 00
A. F. Stanton.....	1 00	B. H. Banks.....	1 00
H. C. Espy.....	1 00	W. A. McLendon.....	1 00
Sister Salley Wilsson.....	1 00	F. L. Hodges.....	3 00
E. M. Knowles.....	1 00	A. J. Armstrong.....	1 00
A. McAlister.....	5 00	W. C. Espy.....	5 00
Sister C. E. Davis.....	1 00	J. W. Malone.....	5 00
D. Rogers.....	1 00	B. A. Forrster.....	5 00
Y. W. Smith.....	50	Wm. B. Peters.....	2 00
J. T. Davis Jr.....	50	L. M. Cumbie.....	50
T. T. Smith.....	5 00	W. C. Gissendinar.....	5 00
W. F. Mills.....	5 00	M. V. Capps.....	2 50
J. H. Davis.....	2 00	R. M. Espy.....	1 00
L. M. Palmer.....	1 00	Sister E. W. Smith.....	1 00
Sister H. R. Ray.....	1 00	Sister L. McAlister.....	1 00
Sister Lizzie Rogers.....	1 00	T. P. Smith.....	1 00
Sister C. Edger.....	50	A. L. Martin.....	5 00
A. Harp.....	2 50	J. L. Wilson.....	5 00
W. A. Cumbie.....	2 50	Mrs. L. C. Bunker.....	1 00
W. W. Nobles.....	5 00	David Lock.....	1 00
B. H. Banks.....	50	N. Fennel.....	50
Jos. Mitchel.....	5 00	Augustus Teague.....	50
L. Wilson.....	50	Eliza Bunker.....	50
I. Fowler.....	50	Thomas Fowler.....	50
I Ray.....			1 00
Total.....			\$155 50

24. It was resolved that all the Ministers of this Association, be requested to preach as much as practicable among the colored people in our bounds, and that they be paid as much for their services as can be raised for that purpose. The following brethren promised to preach in that field.

L. R. Sims, Z. Knowles, W. A. Cumbie, E. M. Knowles, B. H. Banks, W. Brunar, J. C. Skipper, and A. L. Martin.

25. On motion of brother Martin, it was agreed that the

Treasurer pay to J. R. Graves, two dollars and seventy cents due him for "The Baptist," sent to Elder P. Belcher, *dec.*

The business of the Association being finished, a hymn was sung and the parting hand taken, and prayer offered by D. Rogers. The body then adjourned to meet at Pleasant Grove, Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1876.

L. R. SIMS, MODERATOR.

DAVID ROGERS, Clerk.

CHURCH DIRECTORY, No. 1.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.
Adaniram	E. M. Knowles.....	Columbia..... Ala.
Bethel.....	W. A. Cumbie.....	Abbeville..... "
Beulah.....	J. C. Skipper.....	Dothan..... "
Bluff Springs.....	Wm. Brunar.....	Columbia..... "
Bethlehem.....	Z. Knowles.....	Head Land..... "
Camp Spring.....	R. C. Kirkland.....	Columbia..... "
Columbia.....	L. R. Sims.....	Franklin..... "
Concord.....	M. Brackin.....	Head Land..... "
Christian Grove.....	J. Tyler.....	Kings..... "
Ebenezer.....	W. Brunar.....	Columbia..... "
Fellowship.....	W. A. Cumbie.....	Abbeville..... "
Gordon.....	L. R. Sims.....	Franklin..... "
Hebron.....	E. M. Knowles.....	Columbia..... "
Harmony.....	Wm. Brunar.....	Columbia..... "
Judson.....	D. Rogers.....	Hilliardville..... "
Liberty.....	R. A. Crawford.....	Gordon..... "
Mount Pleasant.....	J. C. Skipper.....	Dothan..... "
Mount Pleasant, B.....	Joel Sims.....	Clayton..... "
New Hope.....	B. Herendon.....	Shorterville..... "
Oaky Grove.....	D. Whidden.....	Abbeville..... "
Pleasant Plains.....	M. Brackin.....	Abbeville..... "
Pleasant Grove.....	W. A. Cumbie.....	Abbeville..... "
Pleasant Hill.....	R. A. Crawford.....	Gordon..... "
Pilgrims Rest.....	D. Rogers.....	Hilliardville..... "
Sardis.....	W. A. Cumbie.....	Abbeville..... "
Shorterville.....	L. R. Sims.....	Franklin..... "
Smyrna.....	E. M. Knowles.....	Columbia..... "
Tolbert.....	Z. Knowles.....	Head Land..... "
Walnut Grove.....	E. M. Knowles.....	Columbia..... "
Abbeville.....	A. L. Martin.....	Abbeville..... "

CHURCH DIRECTORY, No. 2.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Abbeville.....	Thos. Traywick.....	Abbeville..... Ala.
Adaniram.....	John G. Miller.....	Abbeville..... "
Bethel.....	M. E. Smith.....	White Pond..... "
Beulah.....	G. W. Harris.....	Head Land..... "
Bethlehem.....	J. A. Campbell.....	Head Land..... "
Bluff Spring.....	E. E. Meadows.....	Gordon..... "
Camp Spring.....	L. N. Palmer.....	Columbia..... "
Columbia.....	L. F. Oakley.....	Columbia..... "
Concord.....	W. W. McLain.....	Abbeville..... "
Christian Grove.....	R. Davis.....	Eufala..... "
Ebenezer.....	M. Buie.....	Columbia..... "
Fellowship.....	H. Wiggins.....	Abbeville..... "
Gordon.....	W. B. Howard.....	Gordon..... "
Hebron.....	Thos. L. Granberry.....	Columbia..... "
Harmony.....	L. C. Wooten.....	Gordon..... "
Judson.....	J. W. Malone.....	Hilliardville..... "
Liberty.....	G. W. Chandler.....	Gordon..... "
Mt. Pleasant.....	T. J. Smith.....	Head Land..... "
Mt. Pleasant, B.....	Thos. F. Epy.....	Kings..... "
New Hope.....	A. Startling.....	Shorterville..... "
Oaky Grove.....	J. G. Mourning.....	Abbeville..... "
Pleasant Plains.....	A. F. Stanton.....	Columbia..... "
Pleasant Grove.....	J. E. Ward.....	Abbeville..... "
Pilgrims Rest.....	T. L. Stapleton.....	Gordon..... "
Pleasant Hill.....	Joseph Irwin.....	Gordon..... "
Sardis.....	A. T. Lewis.....	Abbeville..... "
Shorterville.....	B. G. Fortson.....	Shorterville..... "
Smyrna.....	W. F. Jordan.....	Columbia..... "
Tolbert.....	M. P. Shelley.....	Head Land..... "
Walnut Grove.....	T. T. Smith.....	Smithville..... "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.....	Rec'd by letter.....	Restored	Dis. by let.....	Excluded.....	Dead.....	Total.....	Missions	Association.....	Missions.....	Days of Meeting.....
Abbeville.....	5	5	3	10	2	50	67	5 00	1 50	...	...
Adaniram.....	...	...	...	9	1	67	...	...	2 00	...	...
Bethel.....	...	4	...	7	5	65	...	...	2 00	2	...
Bulah.....	2	14	1	2	4	87	...	...	2 00	1	...
Bethlehem.....	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...
Bluff Springs, no letter.....	...	1	...	1	1	26	...	...	1 25	1	...
Carup Springs.....	1	10	...	6	2	84	...	1 00	2 00	1	...
Columbia.....	12	3	1	2	2	124	...	...	...	...	...
Concord.....	20	4	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	...
Christian Grove.....	7	7	4	4	1	69	...	...	1 50	...	...
Ebenezer.....	...	...	1	3	2	36	...	...	1 50	4	...
Fellowship.....	1	...	...	3	1	31	...	...	2 00	...	...
Gordon.....	15	...	...	2	1	53	...	...	1 50	...	...
Hebron.....	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	...
Harmony, not represented.....	...	...	...	10	6	58	...	...	2 00	1	...
Judson.....	1	6	...	6	3	62	...	...	2 00	...	...
Liberty.....	3	16	2	6	8	61	...	...	2 00	...	...
Mt. Pleasant.....	...	5	...	4	4	61	...	...	2 00	...	...
Mt. Pleasant, B.....	1	3	...	1	8	63	...	...	2 00	...	...
New Hope.....	7	4	3	5	...	89	...	...	...	...	...
Oaky Grove.....	1	2	1	5	2	1 80	...	...	2 00	...	...
Pleasant Plains.....	...	4	...	5	8	1 48	...	...	2 00	3	...
Pleasant Grove.....	3	...	1	1	1	47	...	...	75	2	...
Pleasant Hill.....	4	2	1	...	4	61	...	...	3 00	1	...
Pilgrims Rest.....	...	1	...	12	6	62	...	...	1 50	...	...
Sardis.....	1	2	1	4	1	1 108	...	...	2 50	3	...
Shorterville.....	7	5	2	19	1	2 85	...	2 00	2 00	...	...
Smyrna.....	2	2	...	10	...	74	...	...	1 00	...	...
Tolbert.....	...	6	...	1	...	30	...	...	1 50	...	...
Walnut Grove.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
No. Churches 30.	103	105	23	138	77	12 817	...	\$ 8 00	\$43 50	...	...

Some of the letters say nothing about money for minutes, and as the Finance report only gives the total amount for minutes, the Clerk will be at some loss how to distribute.

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L. R. Sims, Franklin.
 D. Rogers, Hilliardville.
 E. M. Knowles, Columbia.
 D. Whidden, Abbeville.
 A. L. Martin, Abbeville.
 S. J. Knowles, Abbeville.
 T. N. Knowles, Abbeville.
 W. A. Cumbie, Abbeville.
 R. C. Kirkland, Columbia.

B. Herendon, Shorterville.
 Z. Knowles, Headland.
 R. A. Crawford, Gordon.
 M. Brackin, Headland.
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